# Christ Episcopal Church





May 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.



# Christ Episcopal Church 1521 N. Patterson St. Valdosta, GA



Rite II

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**Rogation Sunday** Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - In the Garden

arr. Mark Hayes



Opening Salutation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Gloria Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

# The Lessons Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, `Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, `By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, `What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me

from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, `Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Psalm 148**

Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

#### Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful



Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love

one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

**Dedication of Prayer Books** 

Offertory

# **Rogation Procession**

Leader: God be with you People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Crucifer leads the congregation to the first of five stations on the land for prayers and blessings.

## **First Procession**

*Litany and Canticle are said or chanted in the following processions.* 

#### Leader:

Let us turn to the SOUTH,

the place of the warm wind that is the growing place, asking that our lives and all creation may grow in love and be fruitful.

# Silence

We ask your blessing on the Valdosta community where the love of Christ has taken root in many places and particularly on this our congregation, Holy Comforter, In the Name of the Triune God. Amen.

# The marking of the corner boundary

## **Second Procession**

Let us turn to the EAST, the place of the rising sun and beginning again, in the resurrection certainty that God sends God's Spirit to renew our lives and the face of the earth.

Litany for Rogation Days

For favorable weather, temperate rains and fruitful seasons, and that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

For all who care for the earth, the water and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

## Silence

We ask your blessing on the darkness and suffering in our lives that there we may find strength and growth and the Light of the World.

In the Name of God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

# The Marking of the Corner Boundary

#### **Third Procession**

Let us turn to the NORTH, the place of the cold winds and waiting, that we may learn to wait with hope and eager longing for the redemption and freedom of all creation.

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation, Invocation & Part 1: The Cosmic Order [Page 88, Book of Common Prayer (BCP)]

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \* all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*
drops of dew and flakes of snow
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Silence

We ask your blessing as we walk into the future that we may be united in your love with all creation and that we ourselves be fertile soil, producing abundant growth rich in the fruits of the Spirit. In the Name of God, Earth maker, Pain Bearer, Life Giver. Amen.

# The marking of the corner boundary

## **Fourth Procession**

Let us turn to the WEST the place of thunderstorms and darkness, that we may face our fears in the Darkness and suffering and return to God, to the land that God has promised us.

Song of Creation, Part II: The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## Silence

We ask your blessing on all that we are this day the brokenness of our lives and the blessings, and on this your good earth and all creation that we may live together in harmony.

In the Name of the one Living and True God. *Amen.* 

## The marking of the corner boundary

## **Fifth Procession**

Song of Creation, Part III: The People of God and Doxology

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The service continues with Holy Eucharist

[This Rogation Liturgy was adapted from one composed by the Rev Patricia Gillespie, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Virginia, MN), St. John's Episcopal Church (Eveleth, MN) and St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Tower, MN and Ely, MN) and also is dependent on the Rogation Procession in *The Book of Occasional Services*.]

# The Holy Communion

# **Eucharistic Prayer D**

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

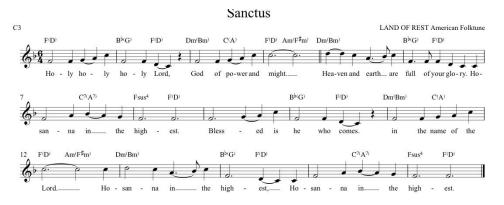
**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

## Celebrant and People



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing

them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to sing *People and Celebrant* 

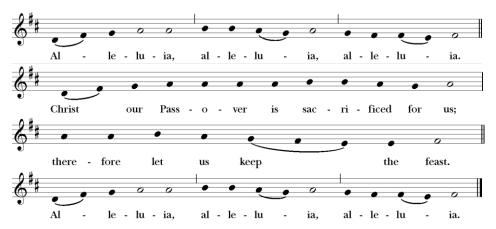


#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then will be sung



### Communion Hymn – How Great Thou Art



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#### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior.

# **Blessing**

Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth



Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## **Special Notes**

<u>Children's Church</u> – Parents are now welcome to drop children off in the Gabard building for Children's Church prior to worship. Keri Wilkin will be in the first classroom on the left of the preschool wing. Keri will bring the children back to the church prior to the conclusion of service.

<u>Search Committee-</u> reminder that if you have not completed your survey, please consider doing so as soon as possible. The sooner this is completed, the sooner we can send a Parish Profile off to the diocese for approval. Your help is vital. If you would like to contact a member of the search committee on any issues or concerns you may have or if you would like to meet with members of the committee concerning the search, their email addresses can be found here:

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Middle Adult Gathering, May 21st. - Middle adults will gather Saturday, May 21st. at 6 pm at the home of Kirk and Stephanie Rosenlund. We continue our efforts to reweave community after the scattering COVID imposed on us. If you fall roughly in the 40-60 age range, please plan to attend. Underline "roughly." The hosts will provide the main course if you could bring items according to this suggested breakdown .Bread (last names A-F), salad (last names G-L), desserts (last names M-S), and drinks last names T-Z).

<u>Youth Sunday</u> will be held next Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the 10:00 service. Please come and support our Youth as they participate and lead us in the worship service.

Sunday Brunch, May 22nd - Middle adults at Christ Church will host a church-wide brunch after the 10 am service on May 22nd. We want to honor our youth, their parents, and Molly, youth minister and say "thank you" to them for their leadership on youth Sunday and for all the ways they enrich the life of Christ Church.

## Special Notes- cont.



<u>Vacation Bible School</u> has been scheduled for Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Theme is "Summer Camp for Jesus". For registration, scan the QR code, click on the link: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/221233810817146">https://form.jotform.com/221233810817146</a> or go to the Christ Church Website home page to register for VBS. Volunteers to help with V.B.S. are needed. Please let Keri Wilkin know if you are

willing to assist. 229-412-5630

**Live-streaming** will return next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. An outside service is not conducive to doing a live-stream, so the live-stream crew will be photographing and recording portions of the service. A video recording montage of today's service will be provided on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> by the recording crew.

<u>Tuesday Night Bible study</u>, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders, 1718 Williams Street. The meetings last an hour: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring your bible, any version.



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and give through vour mobile phone. We now also have a mobile text number simply text vour gift amount to **844-928-4938** and then follow the instructions on vour phone to complete vour donation. If you have any question please contact Amy Creasy at 229-242-0616.

## **Serving Today**

**LEM:** Stefani Carroll, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett **Lectors:** Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett, Stefani Carroll **Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland **Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

Coffee Hour: Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Vespers Group and Friends in memory of Marilyn Miller



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Dr. David Perkins, Interim
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Keri Wilkin, Director of Children's Ministry
Molly Stevenson, Director of High School Ministry
Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry
Issa Young, Choirmaster
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

#### **OUR VISION**

To receive God's grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

#### **VESTRY**

2022	2023	2024
Alex Alvarez	Al Turner	Jeani Synyard
Stefani Carroll	Brad Burnette	Patricia Tyson
Bonnie Hanson	Sandra Fletcher	Joel Williams
Nancy Lutsko	Dottie Pitts	Larry Wisenbaker

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nancy Lutsko (Senior Warden) Alex Alvarez (Junior Warden) Bonnie Hanson (Secretary) Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

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